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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft

Dear Mr. Attorney General,

Please read the attached letter which describe my feelings on the Microsoft antitrust case.

Thank you, and may God be with you on all your decisions.

Respectfully,

Paul Rinaldi

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January 18, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the settlement of the antitrust case against Microsoft by your Department of Justice, the states. After three years of litigation, and three months of negotiation with a court-appointed mediator, the time is right for a settlement. More importantly, the terms seem as fair as could be expected in this controversial matter.

To settle the case, Microsoft agreed to open its internal Windows interfaces and server protocols to competitors, provide non-discriminatory licenses to its copyrights and patents to competitors who want them, and license Windows to the largest computer makers without negotiation under uniform terms and pricing. Additionally, Microsoft agreed to make it easy to substitute non-Microsoft programs for integral programs in Windows, refrain from exclusive marketing agreements, and subject itself to a three-person government-sponsored on-site technical committee. In addition, any third party will be free to file complaints about alleged non-compliance with Microsoft's new Internal Compliance Officer, and the technical committee established by the settlement.

You have supported the settlement process so far. Now, please do what you can to get the settlement approved by the federal court. Then, we can all move on, hopefully to still waters and greener pastures. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Paul Rinaldi

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